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1. USSR invited to name civilian commissioner for Austria--
US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow, in concert with his British and French colleagues, has delivered an invitation to the USSR to join the three Western Powers in designating civilian high commissioners for Austria to replace the present military commanders. The Western Powers are taking this action "at an early date" to strengthen the authority of the Austrian Government and to ease the occupation burdens on Austria. In the note, the Western Powers reaffirm their readiness to settle without delay all outstanding issues of the Austrian treaty and indicate their feeling that the appointment of civilian high commissioners for Austria will constitute progress toward the restoration of a free and independent Austria.

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